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The new settlement proposal from the 9 states is much better than the DOJ offering. If third-party-companies can license the Office codebase and release Office for alternative platforms, that helps to remedy one of the chief reasons for bringing the suit in the first place: Microsoft is locking people into a single platform. I would like to encourage the courts to favor the new settlement offer.

I do not feel that any settlement should force Microsoft to give away its software to schools as an act of atonement. This of course would simply kill off what little educational market Apple has left. It would serve to cripple a Microsoft competitor, not help.

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